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SONIC THE HEDGEHOG AND HIS FRIENDS HAVE HAD MANY ADVENTURES FIGHTING DOCTOR EGGMAN. ONE ADVENTURE BROUGHT THEM TO EARTH, WHERE THEY MADE FRIENDS WITH CHRIS THORNDYKE, HIS FAMILY, AND HIS FRIENDS! NOW SONIC AND THE OTHERS CONTINUE THEIR QUEST TO DEFEAT DR. EGGMAN AND PROTECT THEIR NEW HOST PLANET--EARTH!
HANG ON, CHEESE! WE'RE ALMOST BACK TO CHRIS' MANSION!
CHAO-CHAO!
MARCH Madness!
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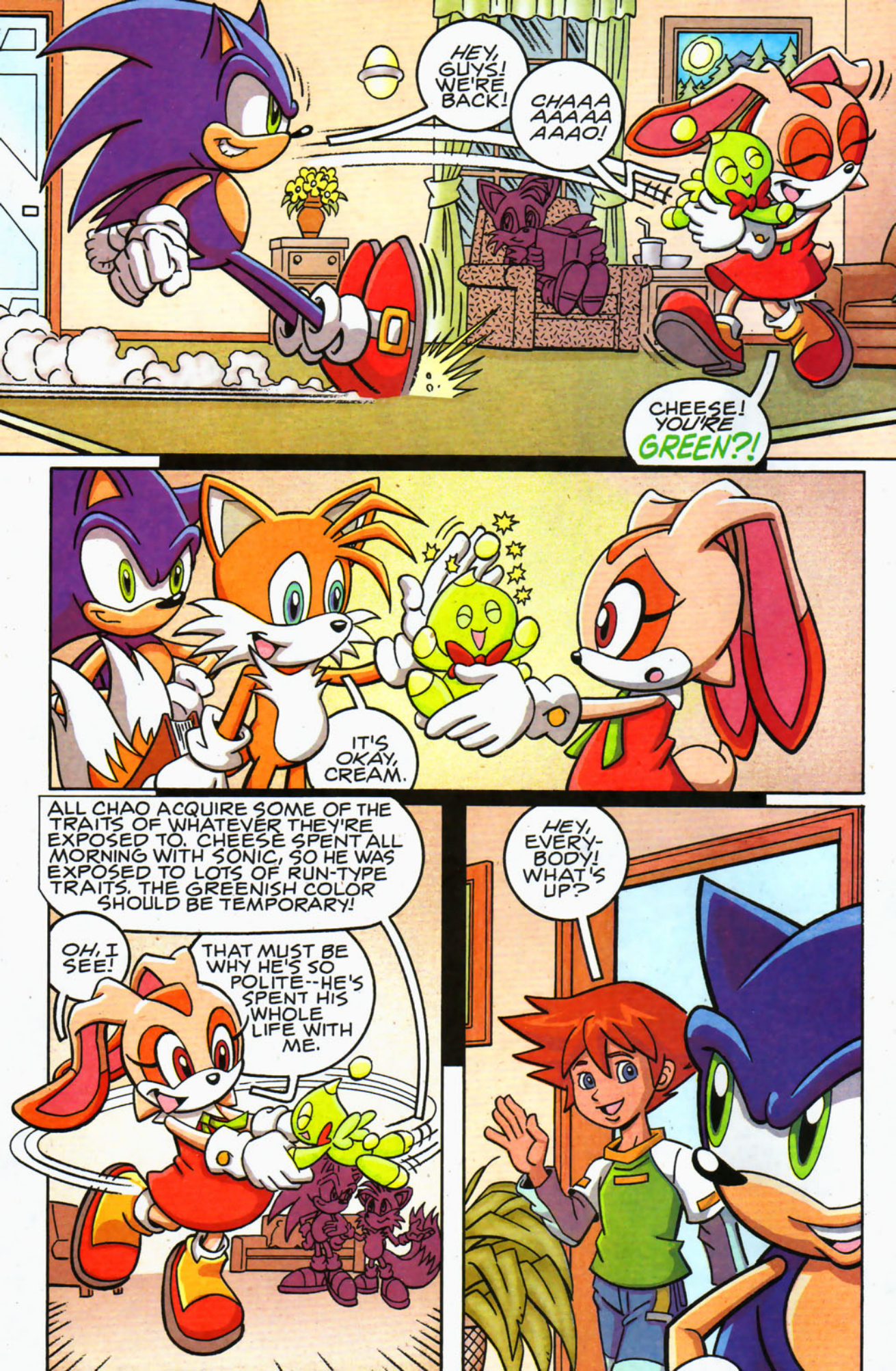
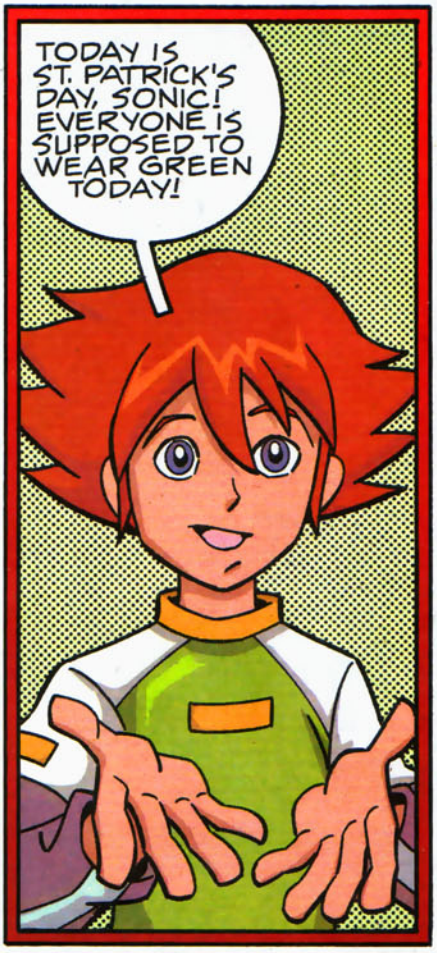

HEY, GUYS! WE'RE BACK!
CHAAA AAAAA AAAO!
CHEESE! YOU'RE GREEN?!
IT'S OKAY, CREAM.
ALL CHAO ACQUIRE SOME OF THE TRAITS OF WHATEVER THEY'RE EXPOSED TO. CHEESE SPENT ALL MORNING WITH SONIC, SO HE WAS EXPOSED TO LOTS OF RUN-TYPE TRAITS. THE GREENISH COLOR SHOULD BE TEMPORARY!
OH, I SEE!
THAT MUST BE WHY HE'S SO POLITE--HE'S SPENT HIS WHOLE LIFE WITH ME.
HEY, EVERY-BODY! WHAT'S UP?

EVERYBODY'S GETTING INTO THE ACT! TRYING TO BE LIKE CHEESE, CHRIS?
WHAT? OH... YOU MEAN THE GREEN?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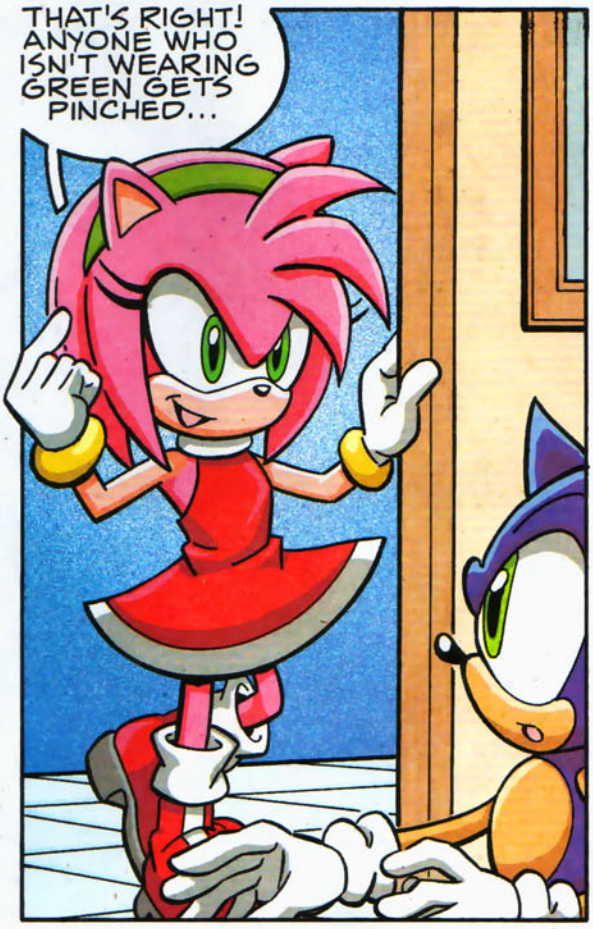
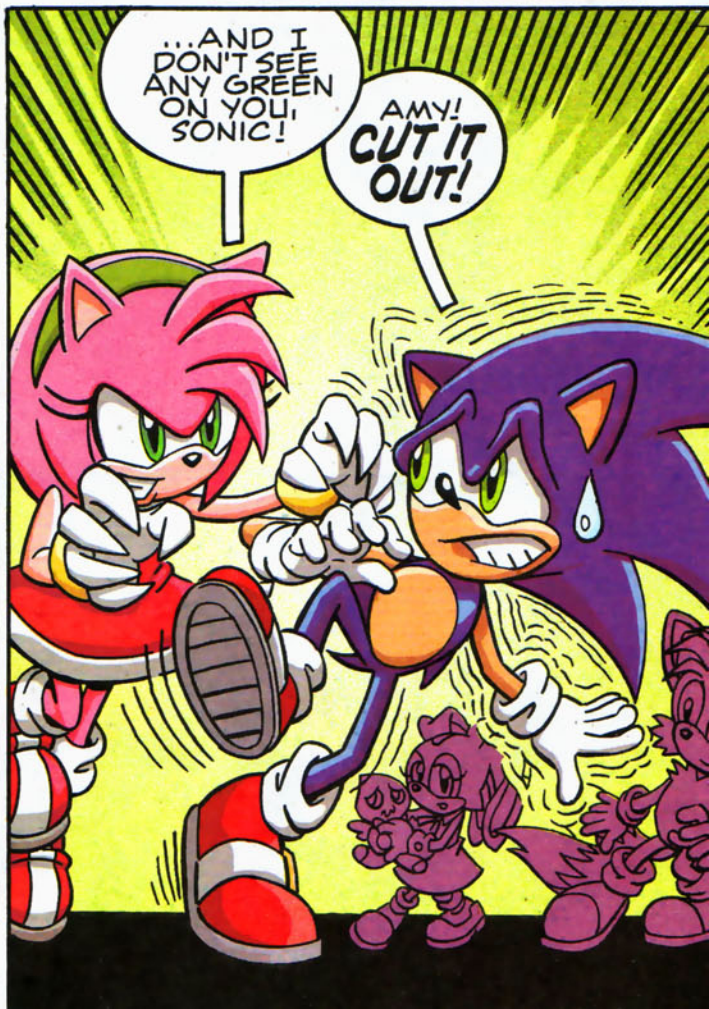

THAT'S RIGHT! ANYONE WHO ISN'T WEARING GREEN GETS PINCHED...

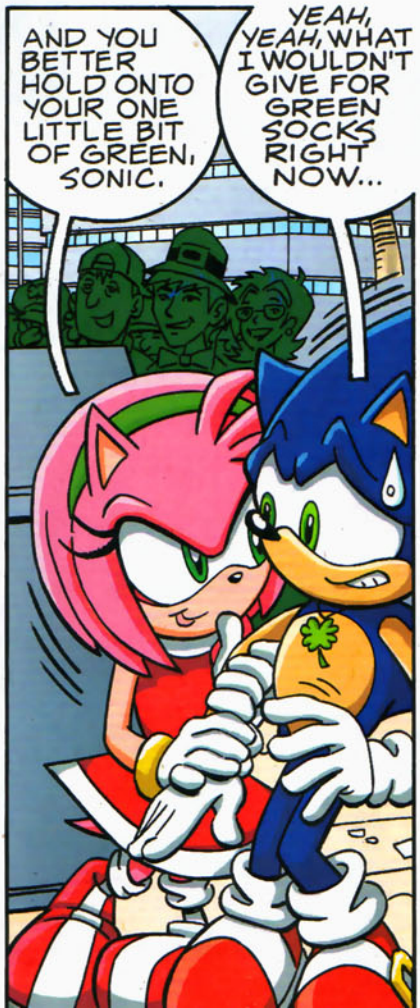

...AND I DON'T SEE ANY GREEN ON YOU, SONIC!
AMY! CUT IT OUT!

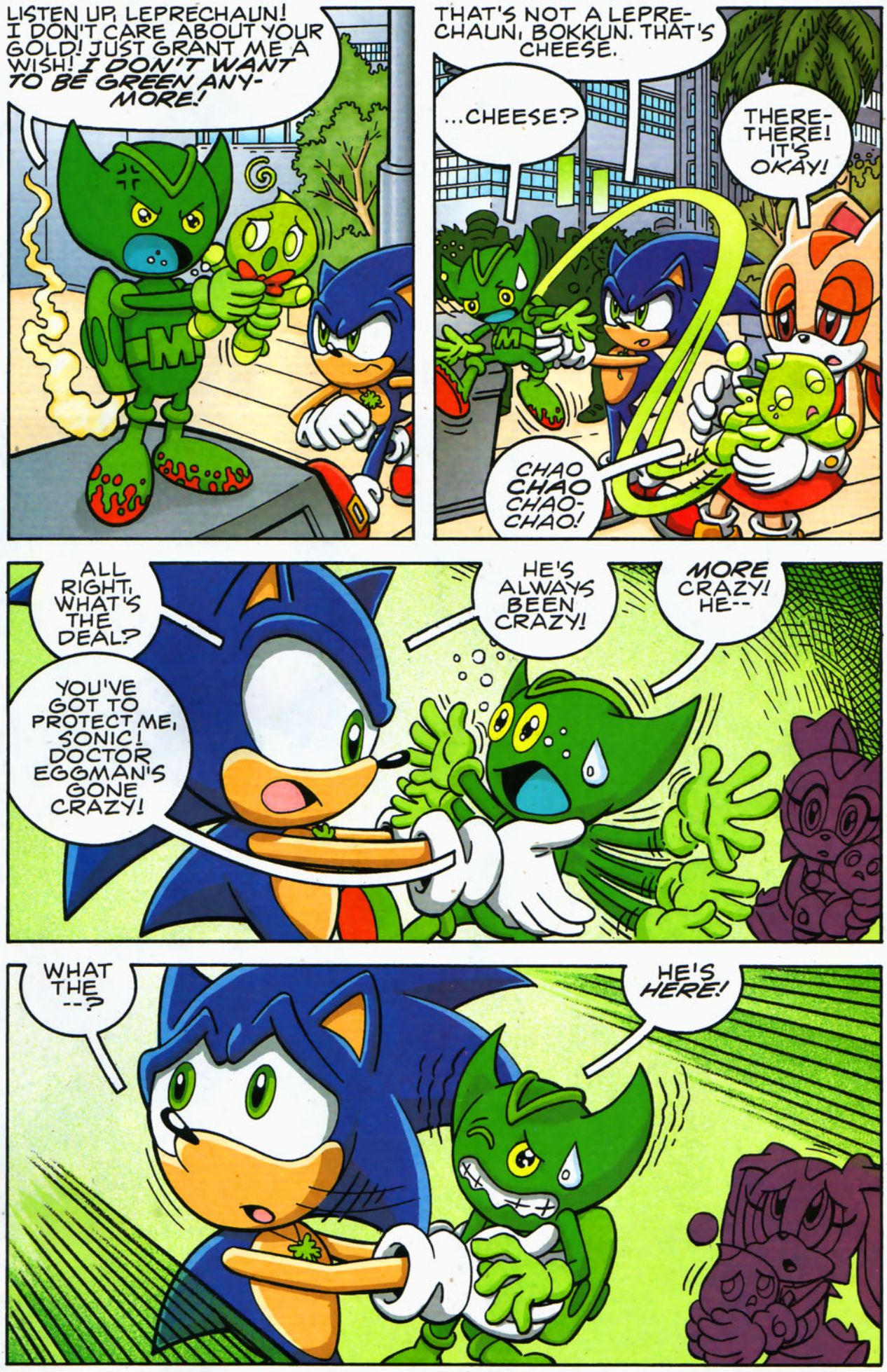
MEAN-WHILE...!
THIS MAKES NO SENSE...
...WHY ARE ALL THE PEOPLE OF STATION SQUARE PREPARING THIS...
...WEIRD-LOOKING PARADE?
PROBABLY TO CELEBRATE ST. PATRICK'S DAY, SIR.
WHAT? A HOLIDAY?
YES, SIR! SHOULD I READ WHAT THE BOOK SAYS?
YES, BUT BE QUICK ABOUT IT!
WHOA!
WHOOOSH

ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY, EVERYONE WEARS GREEN FOR GOOD LUCK! THEY ALSO LOOK FOR LEPRECHAUNS !!!
IF YOU CATCH A LEPRECHAUN, YOU CAN SOMETIMES MAKE A WISH. USUALLY, THOUGH, YOU GET HIS POT OF GOLD!
GOLD, EH? I WONDER HOW MANY SLIPS OF GREEN PAPER THAT'S WORTH IN THIS WORLD. I'LL JUST DO A QUICK WEB SEARCH...!
WHY NOT LOOK IT UP IN A BOOK?
IF IT DOESN'T HAVE CIRCUITS, DOCTOR EGGMAN ISN'T INTERESTED.
OH-HO! GOLD IS WORTH QUITE A LOT!
LAUNCH ALL NETS!
WE MUST CATCH A LEPRECHAUN!
FOR GREAT JUSTICE!
WITH HIS GOLD, I CAN FINANCE MY SCHEMES FOR WORLD CONQUEST!

WAH! THE WIND JUST DUMPED GREEN PAINT ALL OVER ME! DO YOU HAVE A QUICK-CLEANER RAY OR SOMETHING, BOSS?
A-HA! A LEPRECHAUN IS IN OUR MIDST! BOCOE! DECOE! CAPTURE HIM!
WHAT?!
B-BUT SIR... THAT'S...
BEGORRAH! I'M OUT OF HERE!
ACK!
OOF!
CLANG!
THAT ONE MAY HAVE GOTTEN AWAY, BUT I HAVE A PLAN!
OF COURSE YOU DO.

I CAN'T WAIT FOR THE PARADE TO START!
THE NEWS CERTAINLY MADE IT LOOK LIKE IT WILL BE WONDERFUL.




LISTEN UP, LEPRECHAUN! I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOUR GOLD! JUST GRANT ME A WISH! I DON'T WANT TO BE GREEN ANYMORE!
THAT'S NOT A LEPRECHAUN, BOKKUN. THAT'S CHEESE.
...CHEESE?
THERE-THERE! IT'S OKAY!
CHAO CHAO CHAO-CHAO!
ALL RIGHT, WHAT'S THE DEAL?
YOU'VE GOT TO PROTECT ME, SONIC! DOCTOR EGGMAN'S GONE CRAZY!
HE'S ALWAYS BEEN CRAZY!
MORE CRAZY! HE--
WHAT THE --?
HE'S HERE!

SONIC! THOSE GREEN SEARCHLIGHTS...!

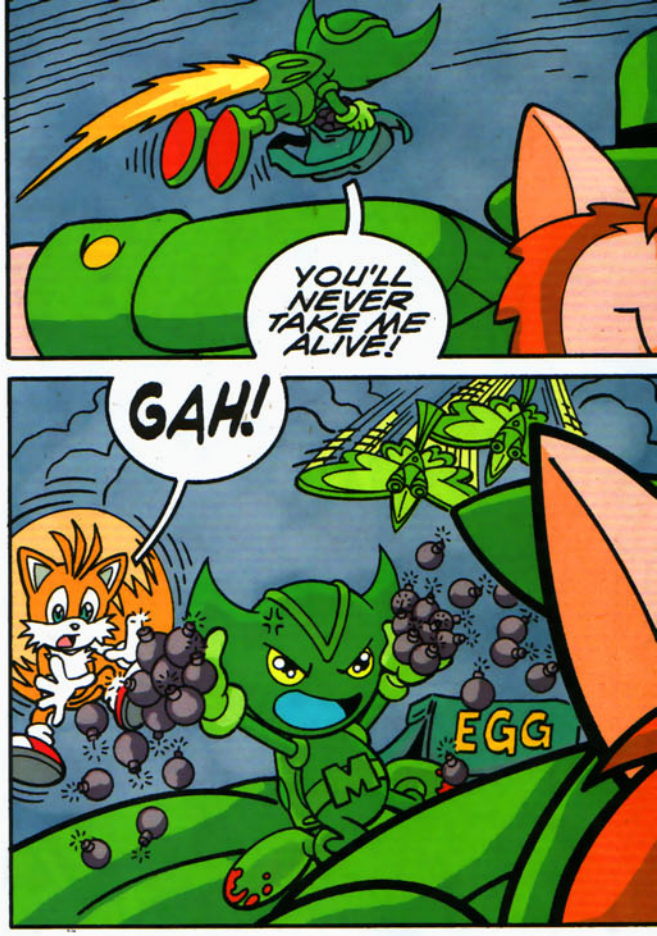
...THEY'RE COMING FROM THE BALLOONS!
Pot o' Gold

MWA-HA-HA-HA! TOP OF THE MORNING TO YA!
Pot o'

GO, MY SHAMROCKS! THERE MUST BE A LEPRECHAUN IN THIS CROWD!
YOW!
CHEESE! COME BACK!
GAAA AAAH!
CHAAAO!
ALL RIGHT, THEN... TAILS, YOU STOP BOKKUN FROM GOING NUTS. AMY, HELP CREAM GET CHEESE. I'LL HANDLE DARBY O'GEAR.

CHEESE!
WHAM
YOU NEED TO CALM DOWN!
YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY!
I'M HERE TO PROTECT YOU.
BLAM
SMASH
I'LL ALWAYS TAKE CARE OF YOU.
÷SNIFF÷ CH-CHAO!

STAY AWAY, YOU STUPID BAD-NIKS!
BOKKUN! STOP!


YOU'LL NEVER TAKE ME ALIVE!
GAH!
EGG

BLAM
HOOKHM
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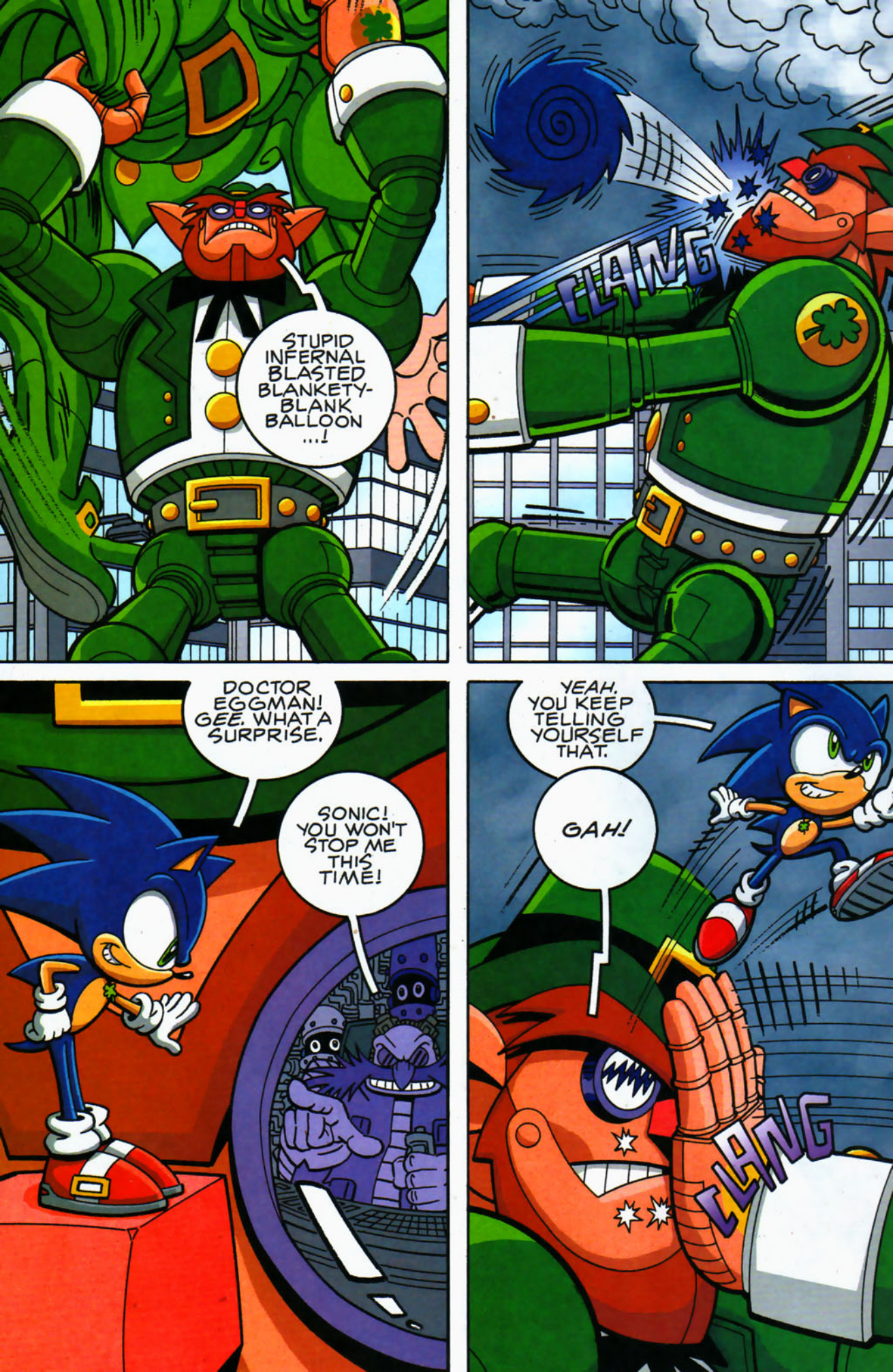
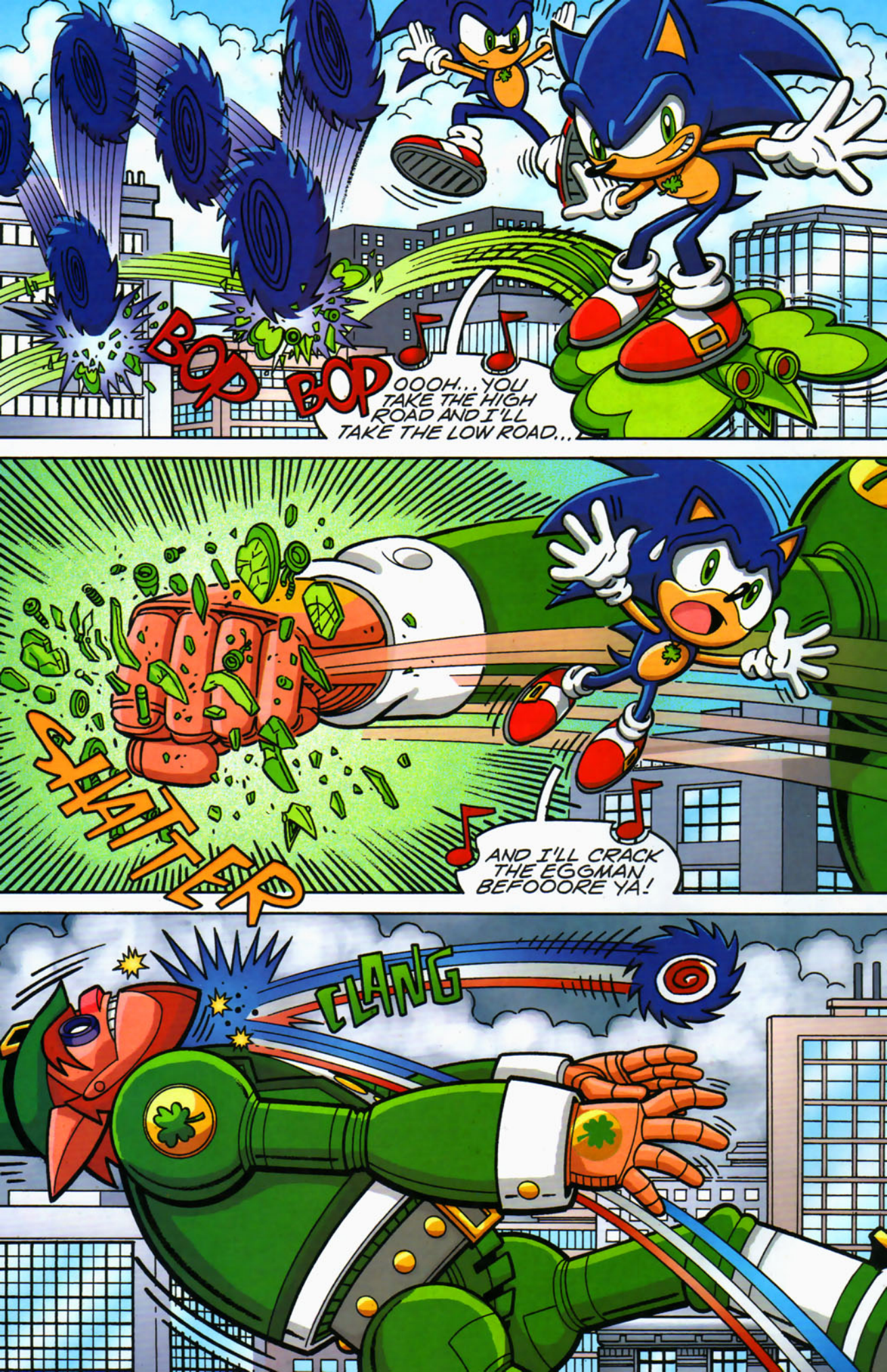
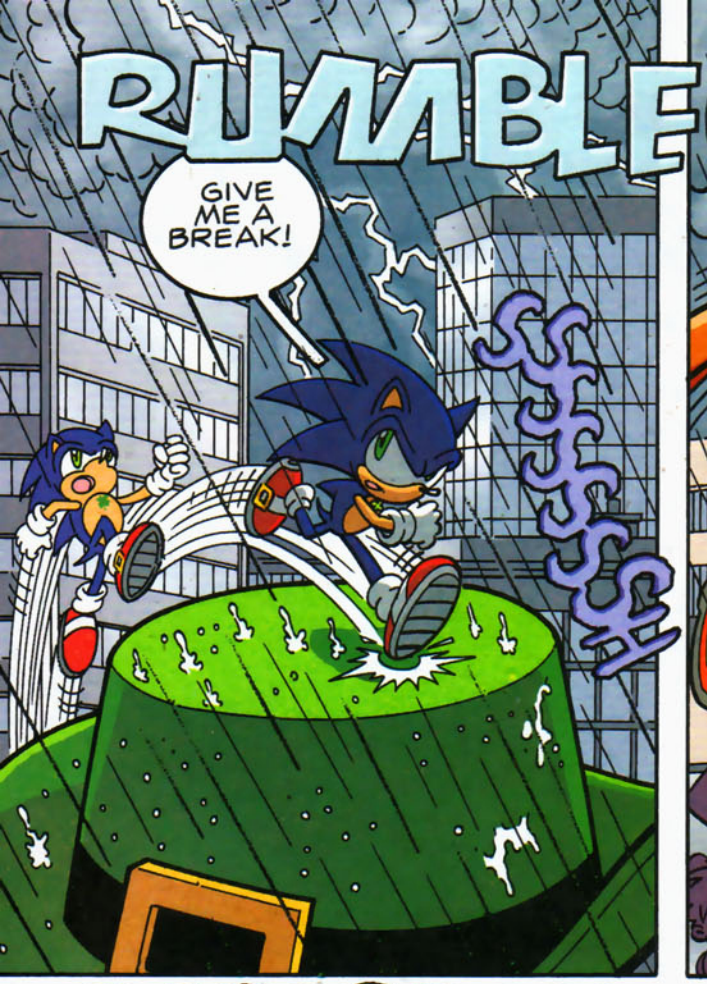
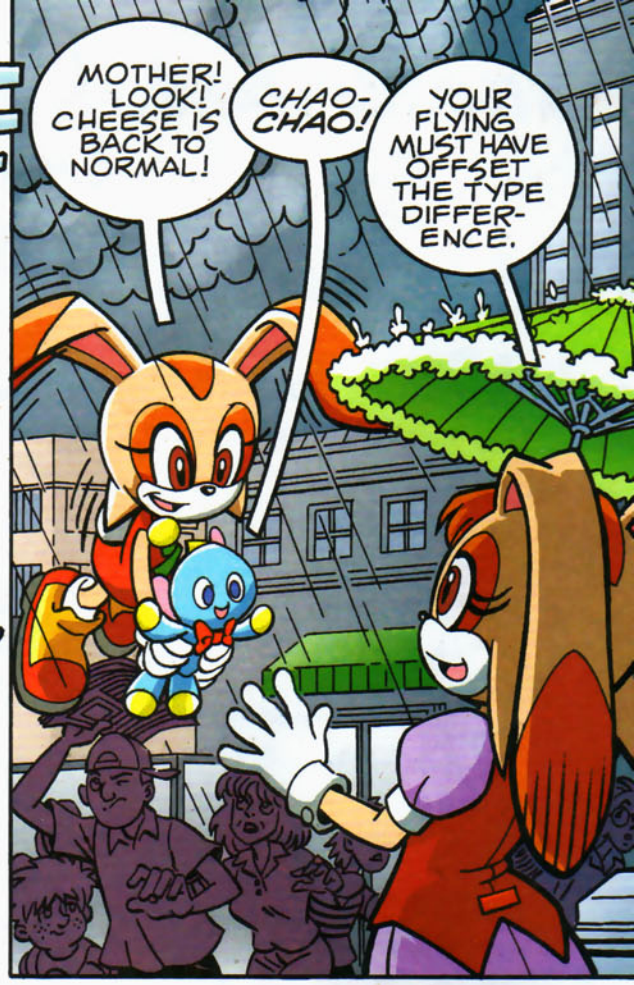
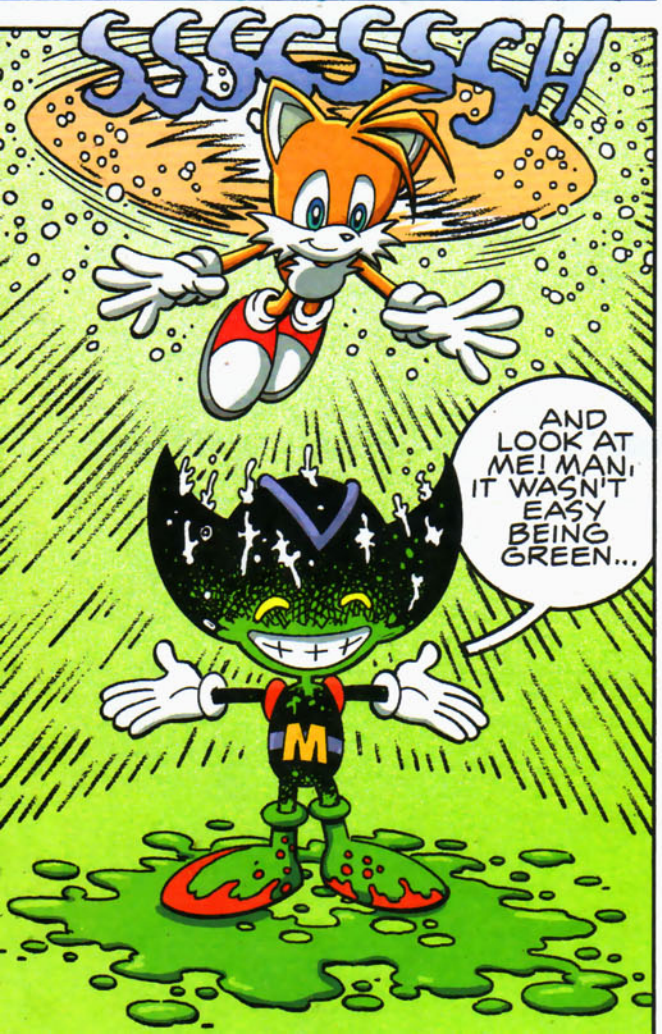
HEY! LOOK! WAY TO GO, BOKKUN!
...OORGH... I WANT SOME CHOCOLATE COINS...


STUPID INFERNAL BLASTED BLANKETY-BLANK BALLOON ...!
CLANG
DOCTOR EGGMAN! GEE. WHAT A SURPRISE.
SONIC! YOU WON'T STOP ME THIS TIME!
YEAH. YOU KEEP TELLING YOURSELF THAT.
GAH!
CLANG


BOB BOP
OOOH... YOU TAKE THE HIGH ROAD AND I'LL TAKE THE LOW ROAD...
CHATTER
AND I'LL CRACK THE EGGMAN BEFOOORE YA!
CLANG


RUMBLE
GIVE ME A BREAK!
SSSSSS


MOTHER! LOOK! CHEESE IS BACK TO NORMAL!
CHAO-CHAO!
YOUR FLYING MUST HAVE OFFSET THE TYPE DIFFER-ENCE.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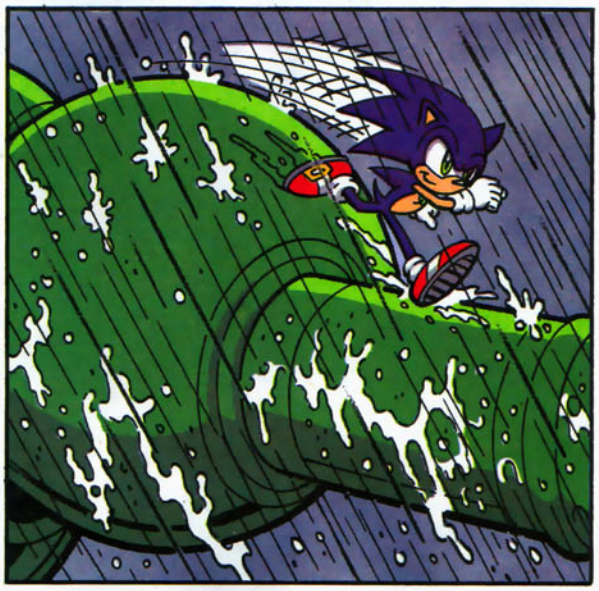
AND LOOK AT ME! MAN, IT WASN'T EASY BEING GREEN...

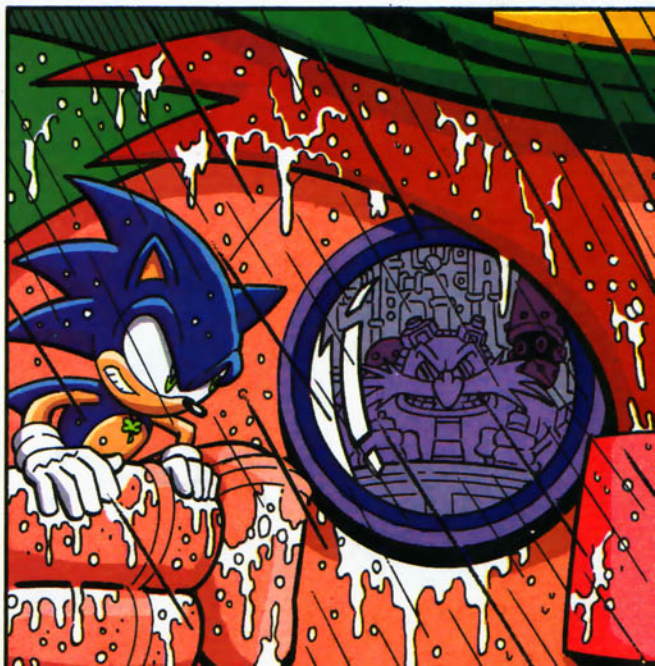
OH, NO! SONIC!

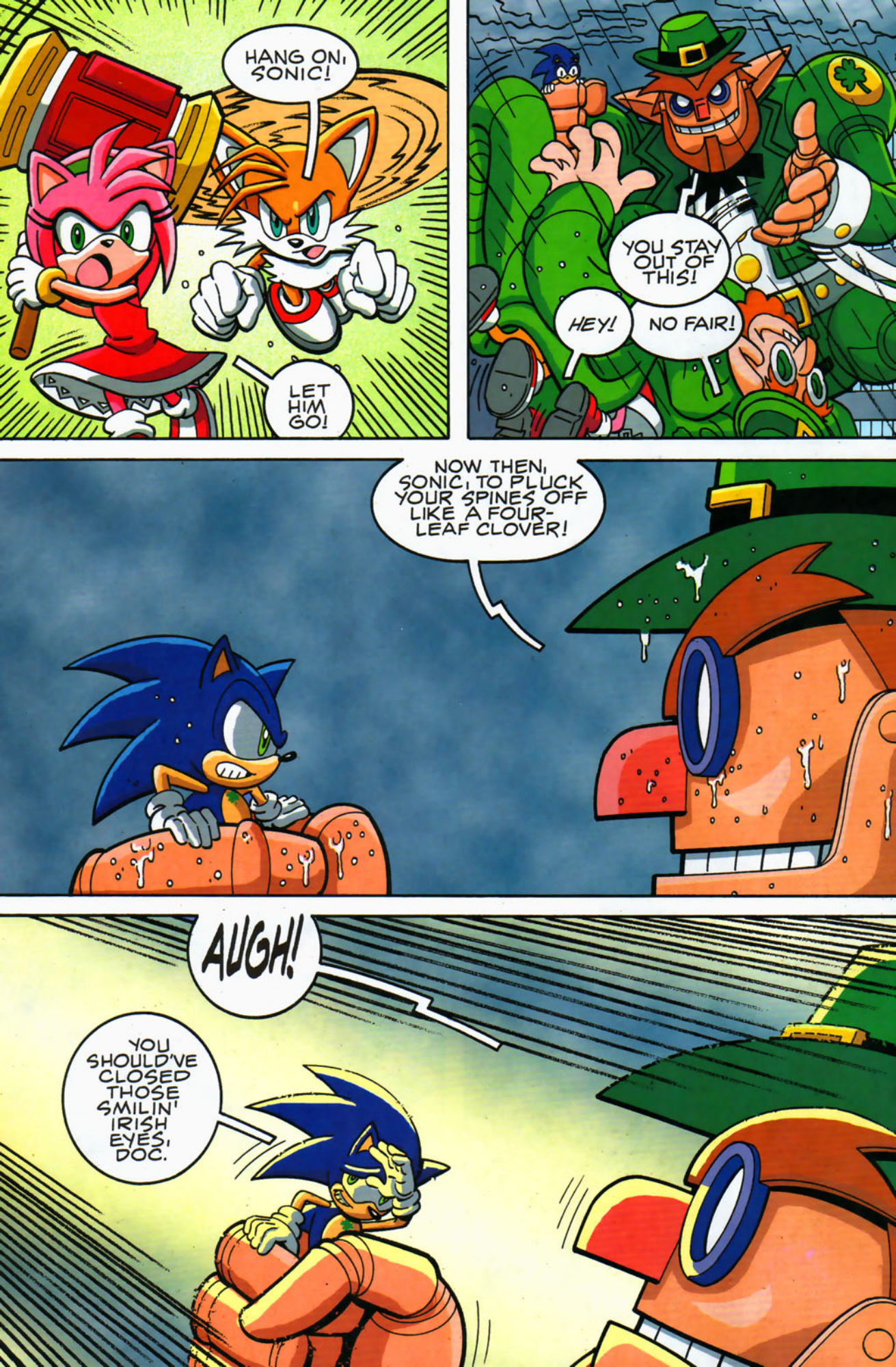


WHOOPS!

YES!
LUCK OF THE IRISH, SONIC!
WHAM!

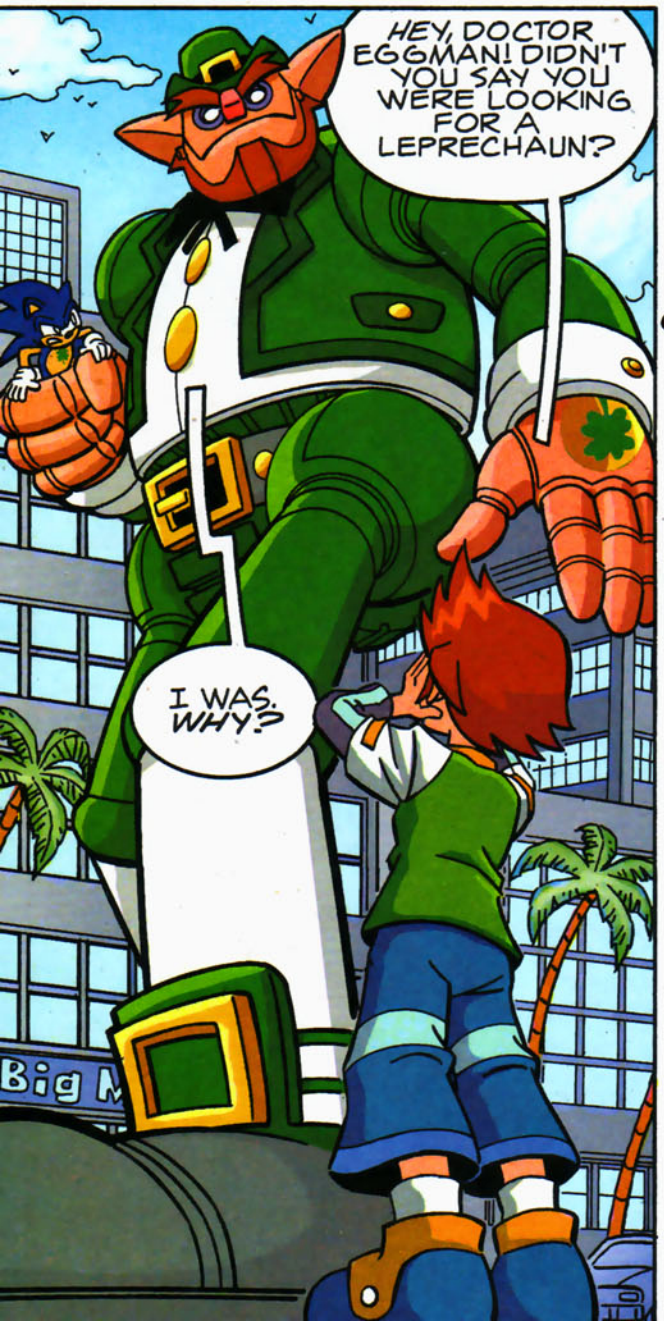
WAH-HA-HA-HA-HA!




HANG ON, SONIC!
LET HIM GO!
YOU STAY OUT OF THIS!
HEY!
NO FAIR!
NOW THEN, SONIC, TO PLUCK YOUR SPINES OFF LIKE A FOUR-LEAF CLOVER!
AUGH!
YOU SHOULD'VE CLOSED THOSE SMILIN' IRISH EYES, DOC.

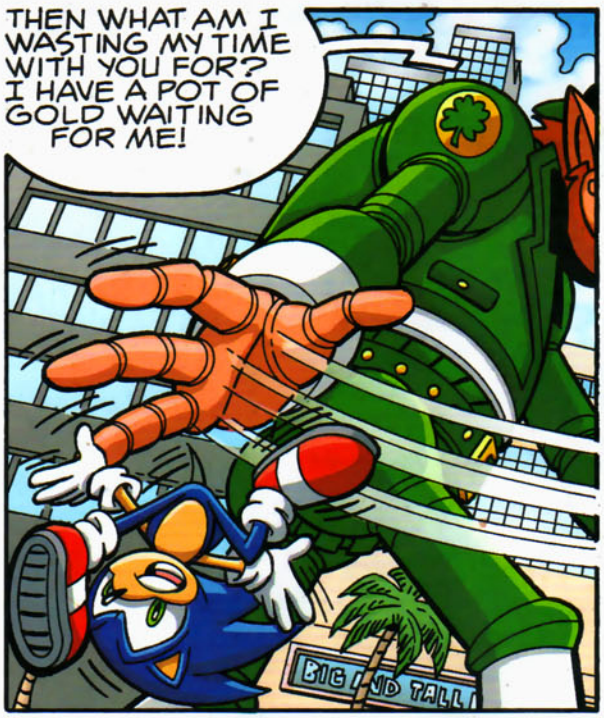
GGRRR... STUPID SUNSHINE. STUPID RAINBOW.

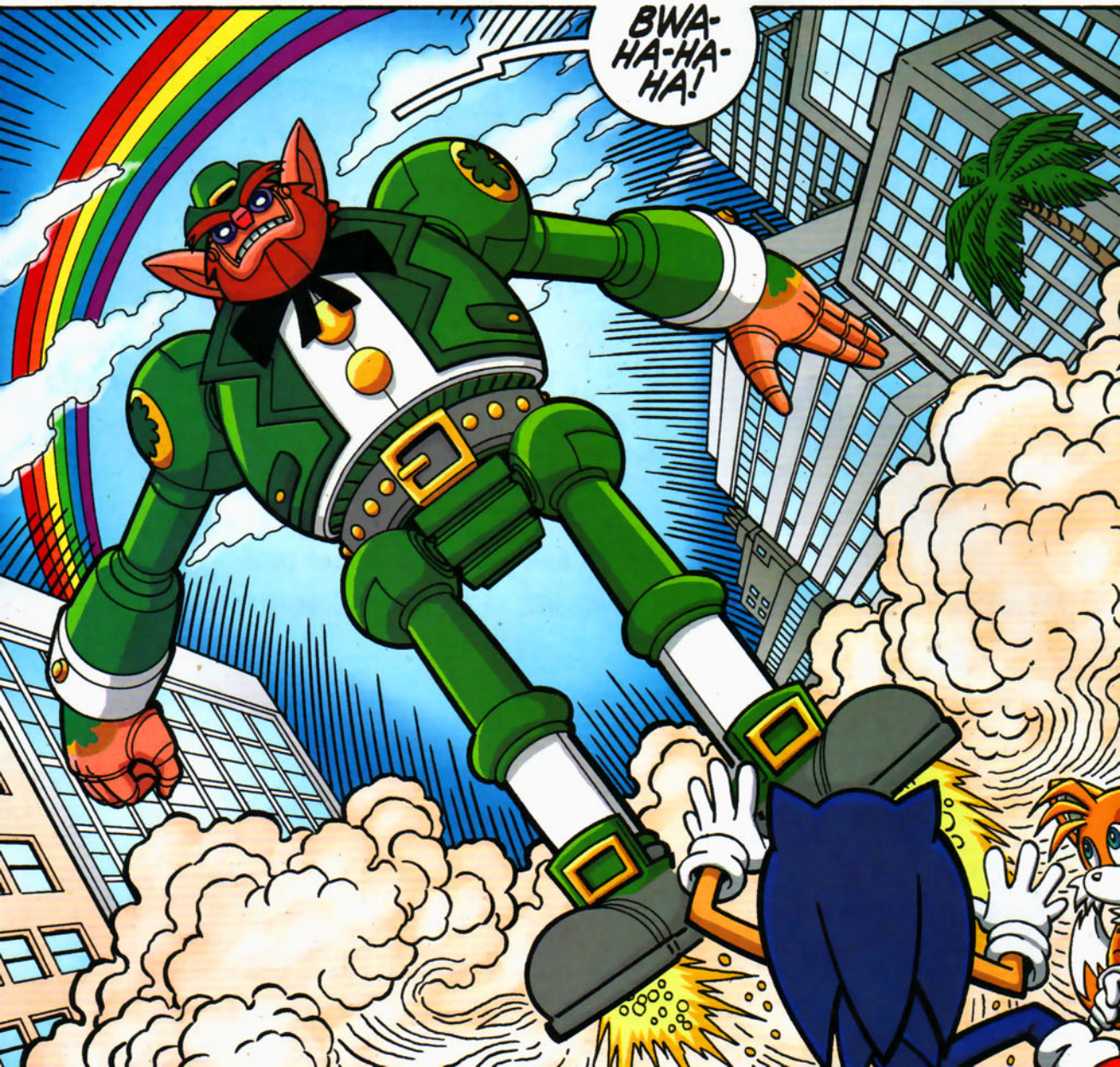
RAINBOW! THAT'S IT!

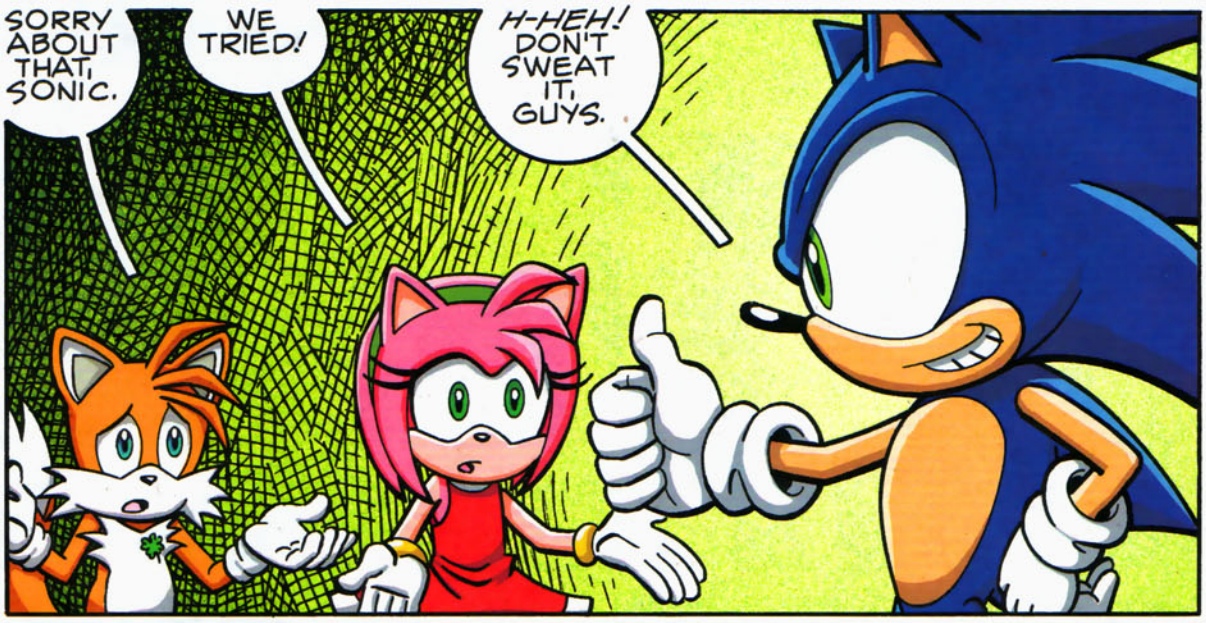

HEY, DOCTOR EGGMAN! DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WERE LOOKING FOR A LEPRECHAUN?
I WAS. WHY?
Big M

DIDN'T YOU KNOW THAT LEPRECHAUNS LIVE AT THE END OF THE RAINBOW?

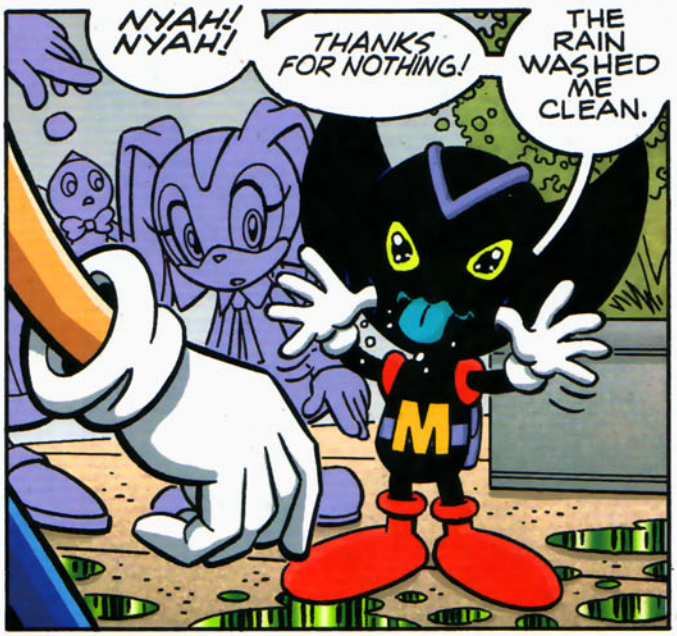
BOCOE! DECOE! FACT CHECK!
THE SMALL, ANNOYING BOY IS CORRECT, DOCTOR.
BUT THE RAINBOWS ONLY LAST A SHORT TIME.

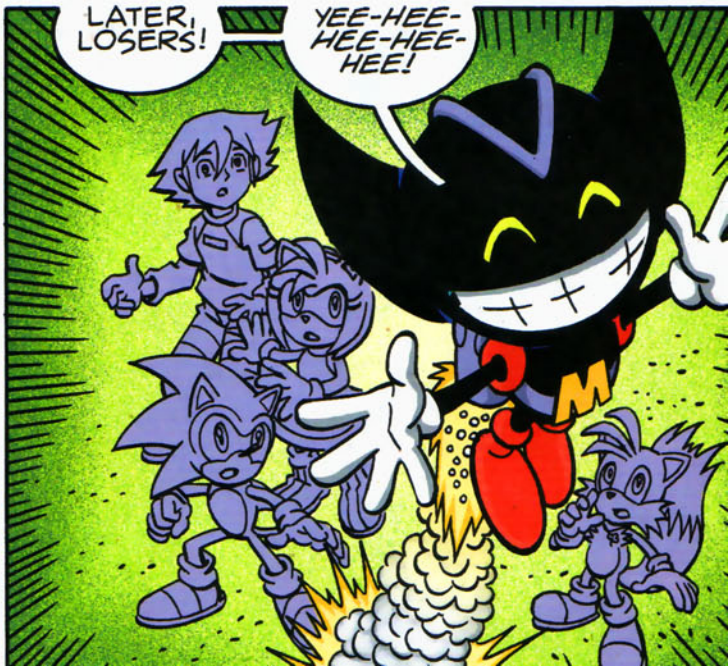

THEN WHAT AM I WASTING MY TIME WITH YOU FOR? I HAVE A POT OF GOLD WAITING FOR ME!

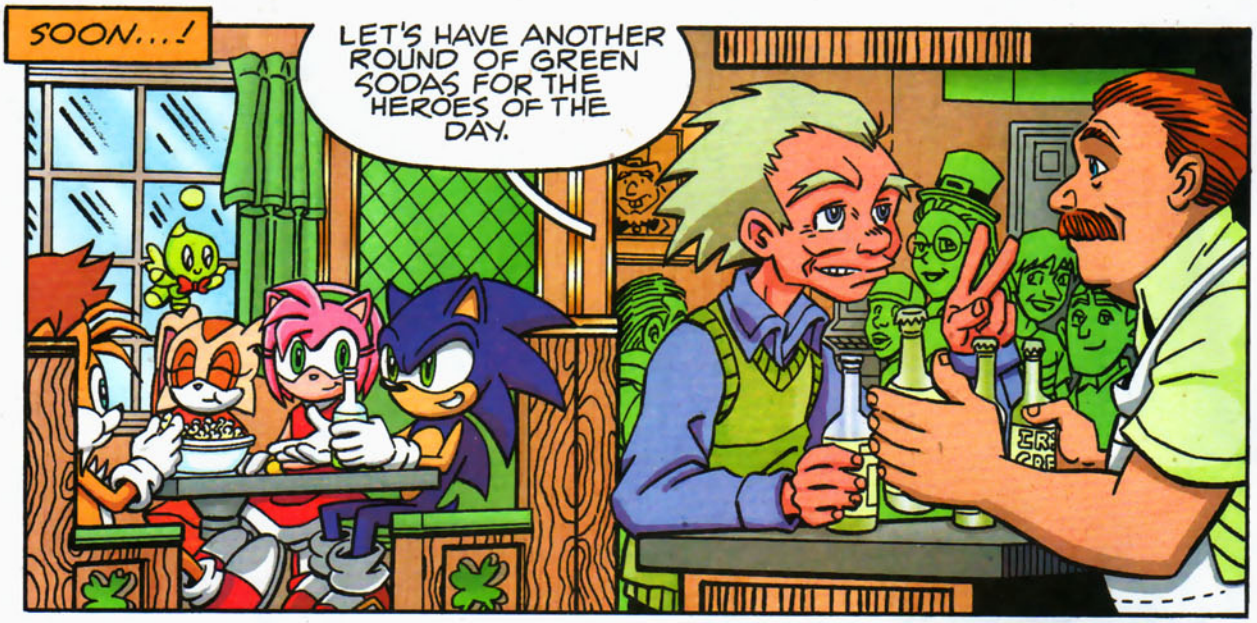

BWA-HA-HA-HA!

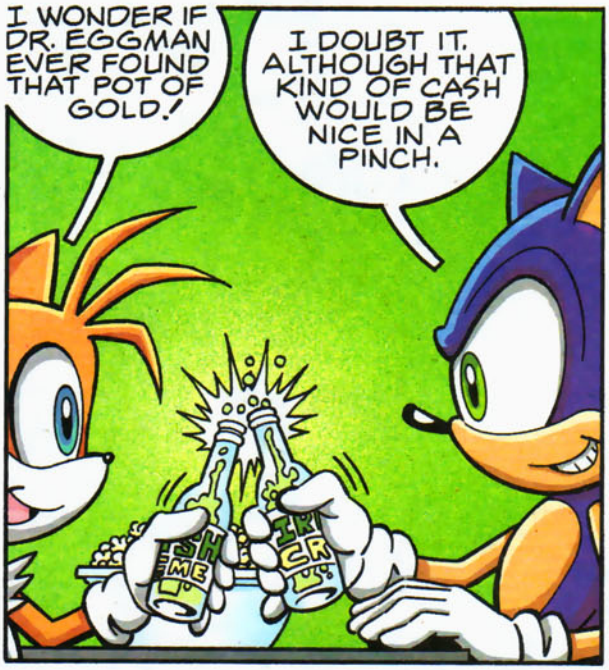

SORRY ABOUT THAT, SONIC.
WE TRIED!
H-HEH! DON'T SWEAT IT, GUYS.

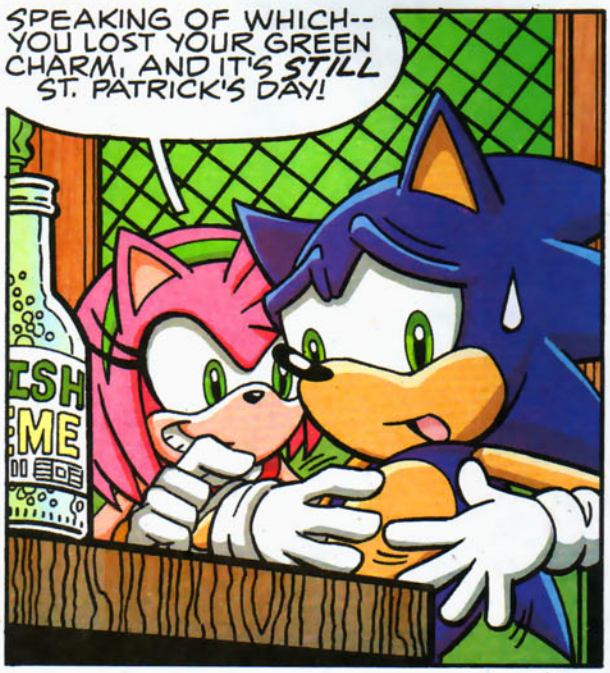
THANKS FOR THE SAVE, CHRIS.
MY PLEASURE.

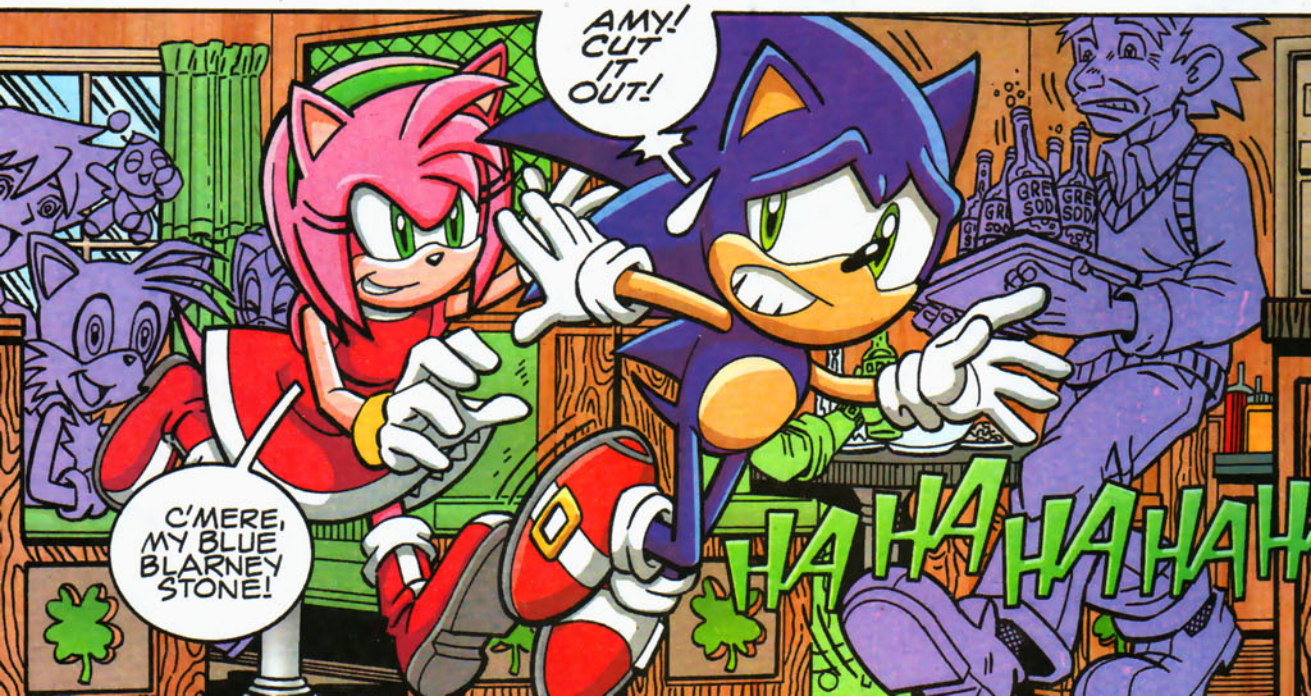

NYAH! NYAH!
THANKS FOR NOTHING!
THE RAIN WASHED ME CLEAN.

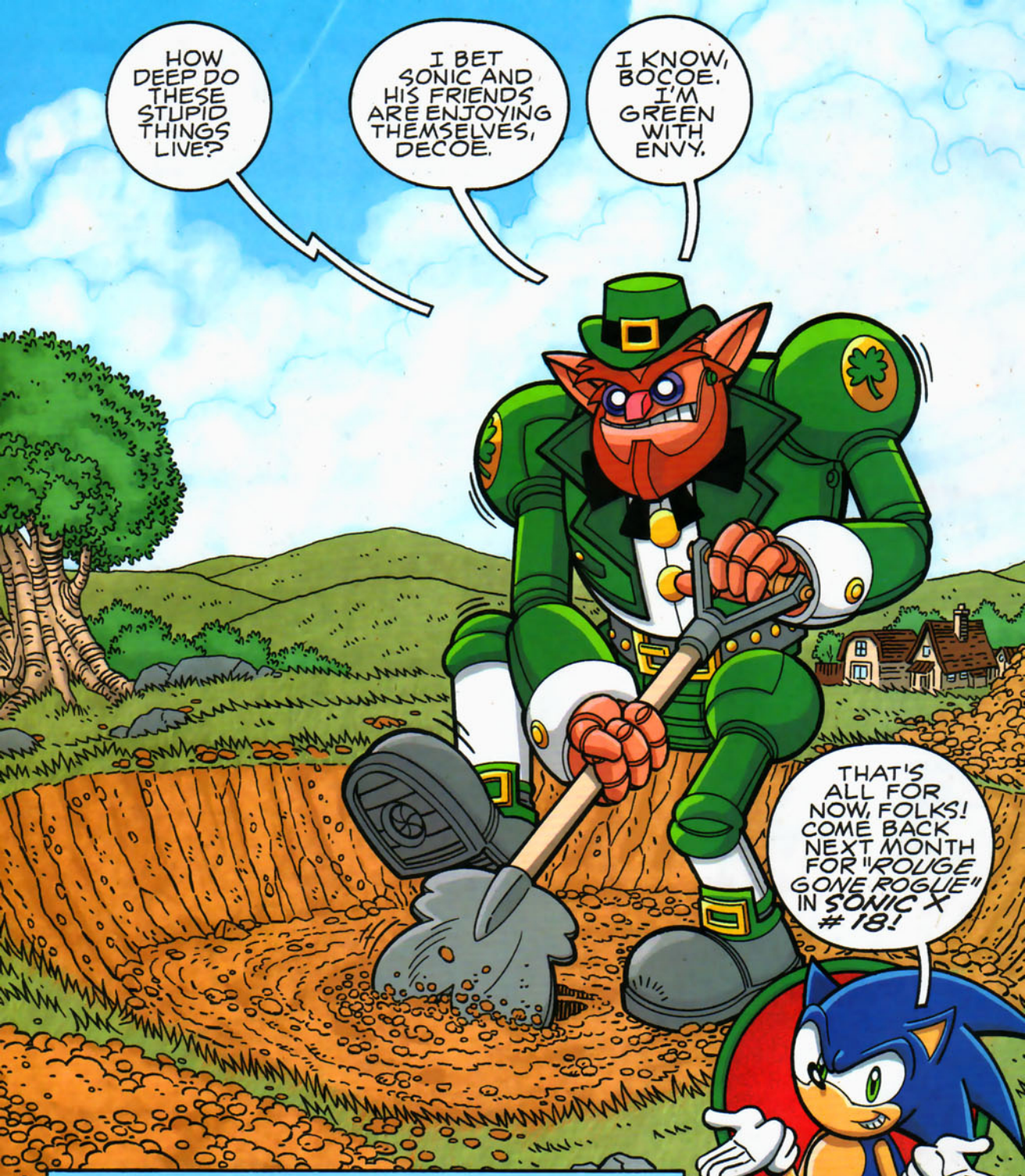

LATER, LOSERS!
YEE-HEE-HEE-HEE-HEE!


SOON...!
LET'S HAVE ANOTHER ROUND OF GREEN SODAS FOR THE HEROES OF THE DAY.


I WONDER IF DR. EGGMAN EVER FOUND THAT POT OF GOLD!
I DOUBT IT. ALTHOUGH THAT KIND OF CASH WOULD BE NICE IN A PINCH.


SPEAKING OF WHICH-- YOU LOST YOUR GREEN CHARM, AND IT'S *STILL* ST. PATRICK'S DAY!


AMY! CUT IT OUT!
C'MERE, MY BLUE BLARNEY STONE!
HA HA HA HA H



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